

## METHODS OF IDENTIFYING AGENTS WHICH INHIBIT GPR-9-6

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof which  
5 binds to the CC chemokine receptor GPR-9-6 and blocks the binding of a ligand (e.g.,  
TECK) to the receptor. The invention also relates to a method of identifying agents  
(molecules, compounds) which can bind to GPR-9-6 and inhibit the binding of a ligand  
(e.g., TECK) and/or modulate a function of GPR-9-6. The invention further relates to a  
method of modulating a function of GPR-9-6, and to the use of the antibodies, antigen-  
10 binding fragments and agents identified by the method of the invention in research,  
therapeutic, prophylactic and diagnostic methods.

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